

5960. Adulteration of eggs. U. S. * * * v. George E. Scherer and Samuel J. Wetzel (G. E. Scherer & Co.). Pleas of guilty. Fine, \$25 and costs (F. & D. No. 8290. I. S. No. 21446-m.)

On September 18, 1917, the United States attorney for the District of Kansas, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against George E. Scherer and Samuel J. Wetzel, trading as G. E. Scherer & Co., Hill City, Kans., alleging shipment by said defendants, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about August 9, 1916, from the State of Kansas into the State of Colorado, of a quantity of eggs which were adulterated.

Examination of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed that it contained 53 per cent of rots and spots.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that it consisted in whole or in part of a filthy, decomposed, and putrid animal substance.

On October 9, 1917, the defendants entered pleas of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$25 and costs.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*